

# Year 4 English home learning

Week beginning 20/04/20

As you've seen from our topic letter, our new topic is INTO THE RAINFOREST!

- Over the next two weeks, we're going to be writing reports on an **Amazon rainforest animal**.
- We know lots of you love animals so this will be a chance to find out some cool facts about some of the amazing animals that live in the Amazon rainforest (we are focussing on the Amazon, not one of the other rainforests!).
- Start by watching this clip to get some ideas:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGb35d-F1kw>
- *While you're watching, see if you can make a list of all the animal species the man mentions!*

# Your next job is to choose the Amazon animal you want to write your report about.

- You could look for ideas here:

<https://www.ietravel.com/blog/amazon-rainforest-animals-beginners-guide-21-species> or here:

<https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/what-animals-live-in-the-amazon-rainforest.html>. Remember, you're only choosing one!



Your task this week is to **gather research** for your report. *We are not writing the reports until next week!*

- You'll need to go onto the internet, find some good websites and take some notes.
- Remember, searching for a specific term and adding 'KS2' is a good way to get results which are suitable for your age group. For example, you might search '*sloth diet ks2*'.
- You need to look for information under different subheadings (I'll put some questions to help you on another slide). Aim for about 6-8 bullet points per subheading. You could include any extra information which is interesting to go in your introduction.

**How to take notes:** remember, you are not just copying out the information! You need to choose the key facts and write them in a short way.

- **For example, here's some information taken from the internet:**

- **Sloth Facts: What Do Sloths Look Like?**

- Sloths have fairly small, thin bodies with short tails. Their heads are small and round, with short snouts, small ears, and large eyes surrounded by dark masks. The shape of their mouths gives them a permanent smiling expression!
- Sloths have long, curved claws. These can grow to be up to 3 – 4 inches (8 – 10 cm) long. Sloths use their claws to climb trees and to hook themselves onto branches.

- **Here are my notes:**

- *Bodies = small, thin, short tails*
- *Heads = small, round, short snouts, smalls ears, large eyes*
- *Mouths = smiling expression*
- *Long curved claws, used for climbing trees and hooking onto branches*
- *8-10 cm long*

These are your four subheadings with some questions you might like to research. *Remember, you're aiming for about 6-8 bullet points of information for each one.*

- **Habitat** – where does this animal live? Where does it usually spend time?
- **Biology** – what does this animal look like (height/ length, fur, feathers, teeth, claws etc)? Are there different species?
- **Diet** – what does this animal eat? How does it get its food? Is it a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore?
- **Behaviour** – what does this animal do?

Your task: write your bullet points onto paper, you may like to use one small piece per subheading or to divide a larger page into 4 boxes.

- Keep your notes somewhere safe as you will use them to write your reports up next week.
- Remember, you are not copying out whole paragraphs from the internet – that's like stealing some else's work! Choose what information you think is important and write it in a short way, not full sentences.
- Remember, you can search for something general like '*sloth information ks2*' or something specific like '*what do jaguars eat*'. Kidrex is a good search engine to use. The websites I gave you at the beginning are a good place to start looking.
- We hope you find out lots of interesting information!